

## REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFERS

### 24-030 Engineering and Geoscience Consulting Services

#### Addendum #2

**Issued: May 12, 2025**

This addendum shall be read in conjunction with and considered as an integral part of the Request for Standing Offers. Revisions supersede the information contained in the original Request for Standing Offers. No consideration will be allowed for any extras due to any Proponent not being familiar with the contents of this Addendum. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

#### **Questions and Answers**

*This following is a compilation of questions received from possible proponents from April 25, 2025, to May 9, 2025, and the answers to these questions:*

**Q1. For interdisciplinary specialist skill sets (such as energy planning or commissioning agent services) there is no dedicated category outlined in the RFP. Rather, these skill sets are mentioned as one among several requirements in at least three different categories in the RFP. The concern is that these specialist skill sets may be valuable, but it's unclear how the RFP will evaluate specialist firms (who may have deep expertise but in only one or two criteria in a given category) compared to generalist firms.**

**Would it be preferable for a 'specialist' proponent to either:**

- a) provide a submission covering our own specialist categories, and then link this to the criteria outlined in several of the RFP's specified categories,**
- b) provide a submission dedicated to one of the relevant categories outlined in the RFP, even if the submission won't cover each of the criteria in that specific category,**
- or**
- c) some other alternative?**

**A1.** An evaluation will be completed for each individual discipline identified in the RFSO. Specialist firms should consider linking their specialty to the closest applicable category or multiple categories (if applicable) even if they will not cover all the criteria

in the specific category. Firms are also advised to identify how the specialised skillset would be of benefit to RDN departments.

**Q2. We understand that the page limit for multi-discipline submissions has been expanded. Would it be possible to expand the page limit based on the number of disciplines involved in a submission by an additional 5 pages per additional discipline (i.e. versus an all-inclusive upper limit of 25 for any number of multi-discipline submissions)?**

**a. For example:           Base (single discipline) submission = 15 pages**

**Subsequent disciplines added = 5 additional pages per additional discipline**

**Four disciplines total page limit for submission = 15 + 3 (5) = 30 pages**

A2. Given the closeness of the closing date, we will continue with the 25-page limit requirement for multi-discipline submissions. Please note that resumes and project datasheets are not included in the page totals.

**Q3. We understand that the intent is to enter into a standard MMCD Client/Consultant contract.**

- a. It appears that the sample contract has been appended twice to the RFP document. Can the RDN confirm that this is a correct understanding and that the second copy can be ignored (i.e. p.60 to 91 in the pdf document).**
- b. Can the RDN confirm that no changes have been made to the standard contract that is available on-line from MMCD? If this document differs from the standard MMCD document could the RDN highlight said modified clauses?**

A3. Yes, the sample MMCD contract has been appended twice. Please disregard the duplicate copy.

There were no changes to the standard contract available online from MMCD.

The RDN will also append Section 3.3 General Requirements of 24-030 Engineering and Geoscience Request for Standing Offers, and the firm's proposal to the MMCD

sample contract (these documents will be appended to the MMCD contract in Article 13 – Other Conditions).

**Q4. Can you include Subsurface Utility Engineering as one of the civil disciplines required?**

A4. The RDN does not utilize the services for subsurface utility engineering very often. However, firms with this specialty are encouraged to send in a submission under the civil engineering and/or linear infrastructure and pump station specializations.

**End of Addendum No. 2**